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Milan, Decemb. 8.

OUr Governor the Count *de Melgar* has by the last Letters from *Spain*, received an assurance of a speedy Supply of Moneys, to be employed for the fortifying our Frontier Places, and making other Provision for the Defence of this Countrey. Don *Fernando Valdez* has received an Account from *Madrid*, of his being Declared Admiral of the *Spanish-Netherlands*, in the room of the Prince *de Vaudemont*, who is made General of the Horse in the Service of those Provinces.

Genoua, Dec. 10. Since our last are only arrived two Genoueses from *Sicily*, and four French Ships are gone to lade Oyls in the *Rivera*, and when they are laden they are Commanded to *Thoulon*, where they will find a Convoy. The French are fitting out several men of War there, but want Seamen.

Vienna, Dec. 9. It is certain that the Emperor has Granted Count *Teckeley* a Cessation of Arms; and that General *Caprara* has repossessed himself of all the places on the other side of the River *Theis*, which the *Transylvanians* had made themselves Masters of. Their Imperial Majesties are expected here from *Oedenburg* about the 20th of this Month, and then Count *Lobcowits* will be dispatched back to *Munick*, with Orders, as we are told, to make several Proposals to the Elector of *Bavaria*, with relation to the present state of Affairs.

Ratisborne, Decemb. 11. Though Count *Waldeck* has been chosen by plurality of Voices, to be General of the Forces of the Empire, yet the Choice is not declared, and probably will not, till the Dyet have disposed of the other Chief Cammands, to which there are several Pretenders. We begin now to see what we may expect from the Conferences at *Francfort*, and therefore the States Assembled here, find it necessary to apply themselves with the greater earnestness for the providing for the security of the Empire, and the Members thereof; some of which have suffered so much since the Peace of *Nimeguen*; and seem to have no expectation of Redress, unless more vigorous Resolutions be taken by the Princes of the Empire for their common preservation.

Cologne, Decemb. 18. We know not at present what to write of the Affairs of *Liege*; not long since it was the general opinion, that there was a great disposition on both sides to an Accommodation; but since the return hither of the Bishop of *Strasbourg*, and his Brother the Prince of *Furstemberg*, things have altered very much; they that know no other cause for this change, attribute it to them, and seem to believe that the French think it their Interest to keep the breach open, that when they see their time they may make use of it. This is certain that the Magistrates of *Liege* have received several Advices of late to stand upon their Guard, for that the French have an eye upon them; which the late motions of the French Troops in those Quarters, do the more incline them to give credit to.

Hamburg, Decemb. 18. The Duke of *Hanouer* is recruiting the Troops he has on foot, but as yet we do not hear that he raises any new ones. And as for the League which is reported to be Treating between the House of *Lunenburg* and other Princes of the Empire, for their common Defence and Preservation, we do not yet hear with certainty that it is concluded. From *Berlin* they write, that the Heer *d'Amerongen*, Envoye Extraordinary from the States-General, had frequent Conferences with the Electors Ministers, and that he had a good prospect of succeeding in his Negotiation.

Hague, Dec. 23. Our Letters from *Germany* inform us that the States of the Empire assembled at *Ratisbonne* had made choice of Count *Waldeck*, who has for many years commanded the Forces of this State under his Highness the Prince of *Orange*, to be General of the Army of the Empire; And at the same time we are told that the Friends of Prince *Casimir*, Stadtholder of *Frizeland*, endeavour to have him succeed in the Command which Count *Waldeck* had here. We are assured that several Princes of *Germany* are entring into Engagements for their common safety. The Letters we have from *Francfort* do not give any hopes that the Conferences there will have the good effects that are to be wished.

Marseilles, Dec. 16. Two Vessels belonging to this place, are arrived from *Constantinople*, and by them we have Advice, that the Grand Vizier demanded a great sum of Money of the French Ambassador, by way of satisfaction for the Sieur *du Quesne*'s Action at *Scio*; and that in the mean time he would not Grant the said Ambassador an Audience, but threatened him with a very ill Treatment, if the Moneys he demanded, were not very suddainly paid. We have not any fresh News from *Argiers*; but from *Legborne* and other places we have Advice, that those Corsairs have since the breaking the Peace with us, taken above 30 French Vessels. At *Thoulon* are fitting out two stout men of War, to Convoy the French *Newfoundland*-men now in Port, being about 20 Sail, most Ships of good Defence; and those at *Genoua* and *Legborne*, are ordered to repair to *Thoulon*, to enjoy the said Convoy. And

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